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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that was previously filed, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner an extended European Search Report dated April 5, 2007, with respect to patent family member European Patent Application No. 061216748.7, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) United Kingdom Patent Publication No. GB 2 291 314 A;
- (2) International Patent Publication No. WO 97/30531 A; and
- (3) H. STEENDAM et al., IEEE Benelux Chapter on Vehicular Technology and Communications, Symposium on Communications and Vehicular Technology, SVCT Proceedings, pp. 42-48, Oct. 1996.

Applicants note that the above-noted documents (2)-(3) were previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on May 12, 2004, and thus, copies of these documents are not enclosed herewith.

The relevance of the documents cited in the Extended European Search Report, as ascertained with respect to the European claims by the European Examiner, is set forth in the Extended European Search Report.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. A copy of the above-noted foreign document is attached hereto, and is listed on an attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the Extended European Search Report is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form, and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, Applicants hereby certify that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement, and thus no fee is required to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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